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1 The Povazske Armament Plant in Povazska Bystrica employs about 15,000 workers. The factory was geared mainly to military production in 1949, when the manufacture of Tomet motorcycles was transferred to Zbrojovka Brno and the manufacture of refrigerators was transferred to a plant in Zlate Moravce (249/T83). Copper wire, building wire, and milk cans are the only peacetime articles still produced at the Povazska Bystrica factory.

2 A partial list of leading personnel of the Povazske Bystrica plant follows:

|                                 |                        |      |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------|
| General Manager                 | Ing. Jaroslav Cernusek | 25X1 |
| Enterprise Manager              | Ing. Jiri Chvojka      |      |
| Political Secretary             | Jan Vanko              |      |
| Enterprise Planning Officer     | Ing. Michal Gabor      |      |
| Administrative Manager          | Ing. Stefan Bozek      |      |
| Personnel Manager               | Dr. Dezider Jamriska   |      |
| Production Manager              | Ing. Jaroslav Kubin    |      |
| Chief of Calculation<br>Section | Dr. Stefan Tokolovic   |      |
| Shipping Foreman                | Josef Stranovsky       |      |

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| Purchasing Manager               | Jan Senerak                              | [REDACTED] |
|                                  | [REDACTED]                               | [REDACTED] |
| Chief of Finance Dept.           | Dr. Jan Alexa                            | [REDACTED] |
|                                  | [REDACTED]                               | [REDACTED] |
| Chief of Accounting Dept.        | Ladislav Lancer                          | [REDACTED] |
|                                  | [REDACTED]                               | [REDACTED] |
| Chairman of Plant KSC            | Miroslav Kalas                           | [REDACTED] |
|                                  | [REDACTED]                               | [REDACTED] |
| Chairman of ROH                  | Stefan Zavodsky                          | [REDACTED] |
|                                  | [REDACTED]                               | [REDACTED] |
| Chairman of URO                  | Stefan Cernak                            | [REDACTED] |
|                                  | [REDACTED]                               | [REDACTED] |
| Chairman of Works Council        | Ludovit Kamenisciak                      | [REDACTED] |
|                                  | [REDACTED]                               | [REDACTED] |
| Chairman of Works Militia        | Alois Stavar                             | [REDACTED] |
|                                  | [REDACTED]                               | [REDACTED] |
| Commander of Works Security Unit | Stefan Ondrejicki                        | [REDACTED] |
|                                  | [REDACTED]                               | [REDACTED] |
| Deputy                           | Jan Jancik                               | [REDACTED] |
|                                  | [REDACTED]                               | [REDACTED] |
| Commander of Military Control    | Maj. Stanislav Michalek                  | [REDACTED] |
|                                  | [REDACTED]                               | [REDACTED] |
| Deputy Commander                 | Staff Captain Josef Tarhak               | [REDACTED] |
|                                  | [REDACTED]                               | [REDACTED] |
| Member of Military Control       | Lt. Michal Krovina                       | [REDACTED] |
| Member of Military Control       | Sgt. Karol Mestianek                     | [REDACTED] |
| Chief of Operation               | Ing. Jaroslav Pokorny                    | [REDACTED] |
|                                  | [REDACTED]                               | [REDACTED] |
| Chief of Ammunition Production   | Ing. Frantisek Hruby                     | [REDACTED] |
|                                  | [REDACTED]                               | [REDACTED] |
| Chief of Cartridge Production    | Adolf Bohunsky                           | [REDACTED] |
|                                  | [REDACTED]                               | [REDACTED] |
| Chief of Projectiles Production  | Anton Staricek                           | [REDACTED] |
|                                  | [REDACTED]                               | [REDACTED] |
| Chief of Construction            | Ing. Skorpik,                            | [REDACTED] |
| Chief of Building 03             | Ing. Stefan Duran (also submitted Duran) | [REDACTED] |
|                                  | [REDACTED]                               | [REDACTED] |
| Chief of Building 07             | Ing. Jaroslav Necasalek                  | [REDACTED] |
|                                  | [REDACTED]                               | [REDACTED] |

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Chief of Building 053      | Ing. Jan Petrus        |
| Chief of Building 24, 25   | Ing. Alois Urbanek     |
| Chief of Building 62, 63   | Ing. Jan Stastny       |
| Chief of Building 072      | Ing. Miroslav Kardos   |
| Chief of Foundry           | Ing. Jan Kolar         |
| Chief of Wire Manufacture  | Ing. Josef Svikruha    |
| Chief of Steel Manufacture | Ing. Jaronir Gladecsek |
| Chief of Building          | Ing. Kralik            |
| Chief of Tool Dept.        | Ing. Klines            |
| Chief of Pressing Room     | Josef Kondrik          |
| Chief of Stores            | Robert Sedlacek        |
| Foreman                    | Jan Tapařim            |
|                            | Josef Pacek            |
|                            | Josef Sedlak           |
|                            | Michal Trajcek         |

3. The Model 48 140-mm mortar manufactured by the Povazske Strojarnie in Povazska Bystrica consists of a barrel, a cross-leveling mechanism, a base plate, and an aiming device. The barrel has two sleeves. The lower part of the barrel is provided with a removable firing pin. The cross-leveling mechanism has bipod legs and a crossbar which is provided with a screw device for regulating the height of the mechanism. When assembling the mortar, the sleeve of the leveling mechanism is supported by the upper sleeve of the barrel. The base plate is a cone-shaped disk with a hole in the center into which the pivot on the bottom of the barrel is inserted. The aiming device is placed on a shaft of the leveling mechanism and is put into action by means of divisions in the horizontal position (sic). The total weight of an assembled mortar is 120 kgs; the barrel alone weighs 40 kgs. The mortar is operated by a crew of six men.

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